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Ancient Tokens and Communities: Insights into Hellenistic and Roman Sicily

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The University of Warwick is currently undertaking an EU-funded research project to comprehend the role of tokens in ancient Mediterranean communities, focusing on archaeological contexts, iconographies and museum collections. This talk aims to outline the project and discuss a selection of case studies on unpublished Hellenistic and Roman tokens found in Sicily (especially in the provinces of Palermo and Messina). Dr. Crisà assesses archaeological evidence and provides data on find spots, history of excavations, iconographies, aspects of local religion and economy. Such information helps us contextualize the tokens and understand how local communities in the provincia Sicilia produced and used these artifacts on a local scale. Co-sponsored by the Departments of History and of Classics & Humanities at SDSU